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Instant traffic and weather provided by XM Satellite Radio is an enormous improvement over the brief, annotated traffic reports currently available on standard broadcast radio.

Available traffic reports are often missed because they only run 4-6 times an hour, and when one does find a report, they are so short that they very often do not include the area of concern. Especially on busy traffic days, reports of problems are often staggered across two reports, so in reality, the intended route is only covered 2-3 times an hour, if at all.

Since I began receiving the traffic reports in early March, I have many times said they are worth the subscription fee alone. By giving me advance notice of traffic problems well before I reach the area, I am often able to use an alternate route that saves time and minimizes gasoline waste and pollution. I also become one less vehicle contributing to the backup.

Finally (and as important), as a paying subscriber, I strongly resent the NAB's attempt to dictate the content to which I choose to listen.

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